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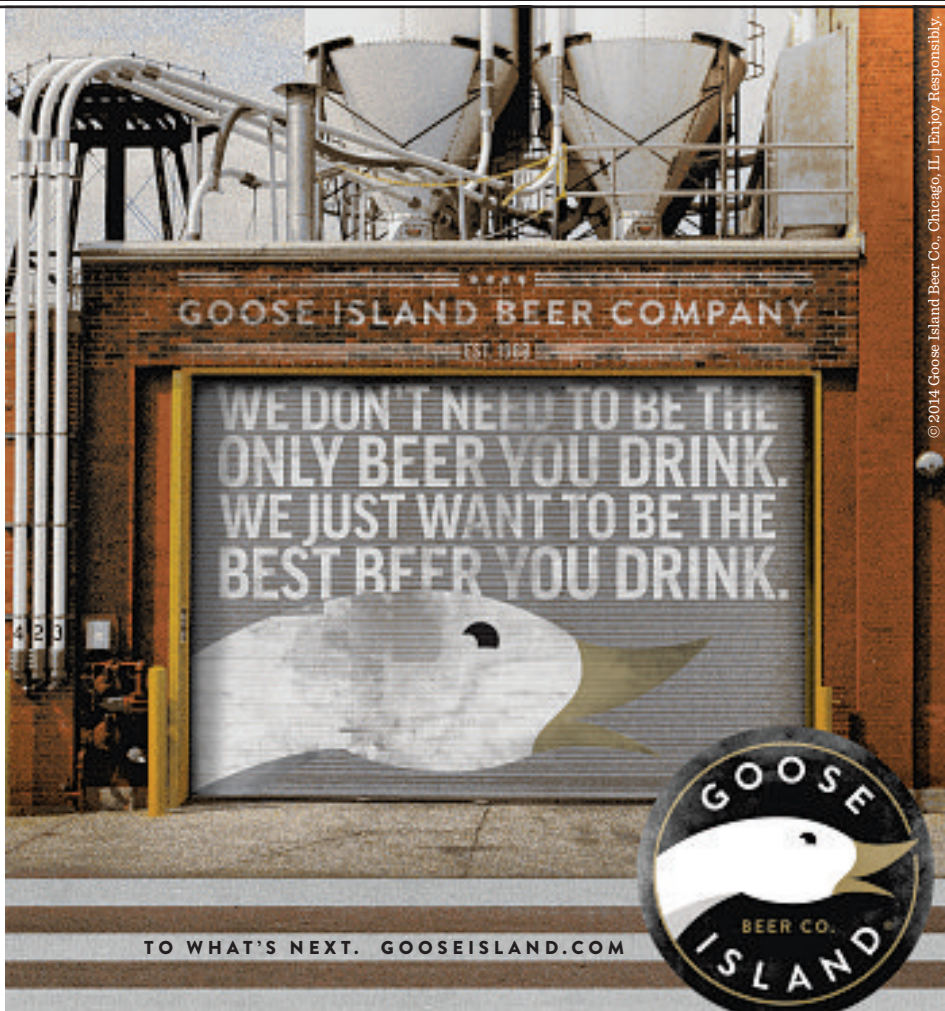
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Group pressures city for separate bike, walk paths on the lakefront

By Rachel Cromidas | REDEYE

The Active Transportation Alliance is putting pressure on the city to create separate bike and walking paths, launching a petition drive to get the public behind the effort.

Right now, the Lakefront Trail is a single, two-way path, on most stretches, shared by a medley of cyclists, pedestrians, runners and inline skaters.

The local advocacy group is calling for the Chicago Park District to create separate paths in hopes of making the lakefront safer for walkers, runners, bikers and others. The organization launched the petition drive Tuesday and by afternoon had 1,000 signatures, according to Kyle Whitehead, who's running the transportation alliance's campaign.

With more than 30,000 people on the Lakefront Trail daily in peak summer months, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the trail can become crowded and dangerous, Whitehead said.

Critics have been calling for separate trails for years. IDOT solicited feedback from citizens on ways to improve North Lake Shore Drive earlier this year and creating separate lanes for cyclists and pedestrians topped the suggestions list.

The alliance began lobbying the park district more heavily for the changes after 27-year-old runner Megan Williams was struck by a cyclist while training for the Chicago Marathon this fall, fracturing her skull, Whitehead said.

"We think we need to invest in improvements that will make it safer before 2019," Whitehead said.

Using pavement markers to create separate lanes of traffic along the existing trail would work in some places, he said. But in others the park district likely would need to invest in infrastructure to widen or repave the trail.

In a prepared statement, the park district said: "We support this idea and plan to work with Active Trans ... and others to find solutions that can be paid for with federal funds."

The alliance's push comes as the park district prepares to approve its 2015 budget during a Wednesday meeting.

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Morning commuters wait for a CTA bus on California Avenue. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/TRIBUNE FILE

It could be worse

Survey shows Chicagoans wait on average half-hour daily for trains, buses

Chicago Tribune

Public transit riders in the Chicago area spend about a half-hour a day waiting for their trains and buses to arrive. And although it is perhaps the most frustrating part of the commute, it beats the average in other major U.S. cities, according to a survey released Tuesday.

Transit commuters here spend on average almost two hours a day on public transportation, and about one-fourth of that time involves waiting for a bus or train, according to the survey by Moovit, a public transit app that combines travel data collected from transit providers with information received from transit customers.

The average 31-minute wait among riders on the CTA, Metra and Pace is less than the roughly 40-minute daily national average, which results in an annual total of 150 hours wasted while waiting for rides.

Widespread use of the CTA's Bus Tracker and Train Tracker, which predict when buses and trains will arrive at stops, may help account for the relatively shorter wait times for transit in Chicago than in some other cities that do not provide the tracking technology to customers.

Moovit conducted the survey last month,

using transit system rider data from 13,000 respondents in 22 cities in North America, South America, Europe and Australia. It included five U.S. cities: Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Boston and San Francisco.

Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro tied for longest average wait in the world, at 41 minutes. In LA, that represented 31 percent of total daily commuting time.

Transit commuters in the U.S. spend an average of 105 minutes per day on public transit, according to the survey. New York had the longest commute time in the world, at 149 minutes daily. Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Toronto came in next, with 138-minute average commutes.

Commuters in Barcelona, Spain, and Milan spend the shortest average amount of time per day on public transit, at 63 and 74 minutes, respectively, as well as waiting for trains and buses, with wait times of 18 and 19 minutes, respectively, the survey said.

In the five major U.S. cities surveyed, 31 percent of commuters said they were dissatisfied with the quality of public transit. The primary frustration mentioned was uncertainty about when a bus or train would arrive.

Moovit was launched in Chicago about six months ago and has about 70,000 app users, said Alex Torres, the company's vice president of global marketing. Moovit has more than 10 million downloads in about 400 cities worldwide, the Israel-based company said.

THE WAITING GAME

While Chicago commuters have to wait for public transportation, they're wait times aren't as long as those in other cities, a new Moovit survey shows.

National average

105 minutes Time spent commuting daily

40 minutes Time spent waiting for transit daily

Percentage of daily commute spent waiting

Los Angeles

31%

Average daily wait:
41 minutes
**Longest in the U.S.*
Average daily commute:
132 minutes

Boston

34%

Average daily wait:
39 minutes
Average daily commute:
115 minutes

New York

26%

Average daily wait:
38 minutes
Average daily commute:
149 minutes
**Longest in the U.S.*

San Francisco

35%

Average daily wait:
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Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday. That's how it all begins.

December smacks me in the face like someone in corporate America out to reboot "We Didn't Start the Fire." Admittedly, I am not one to embrace the holiday season out of the gate. Fear not, I'll get

on board before 93.9 WLIT-FM goes back to providing dentists a non-denominational soundtrack.

This shouldn't be the peak of seasonal depression; that's totally unfair to February. Denying potential enjoyment during this time of year is as worthless as being that nimrod who "can't believe it's already December!" But life tends to operate as a system of checks and balances—if there's going to be holiday cheer, you better believe there's plenty of holiday grief to boot.

During the past decade or so, you may have seen me at my early-December seasonal job: Driving the bitter bus around Chicago. The holidays and I aren't necessarily besties; neither of us would pick each other up at O'Hare. I'm a child of divorce (oh, the joys of four Christmases in one day), and would be remised if I didn't toss in an ex-girlfriend-Christmas-themed edition of "Fatal Attraction" so epic it would make the producers at Lifetime salivate.

Those were some dark days, but time (and egg nog) heals all wounds. I've been lucky to realize that, not only did I have a great set of friends and family to get me through it, I wasn't alone in the foxhole of holiday funk.

Years ago, while living with a couple college friends in Little Italy, my roommate lost his job. Tragic as that was, his termination also came weeks after buying a new BMW (yeah, he rented with two friends but bought a luxury import). Additionally, I was still

wallowing around like the second coming of John Cusack. In hindsight, I feel terrible for our third roommate, who was just starting his career as an attorney and had, on the surface, no real problems in life.

I threw myself the Hail Mary of holiday spirit. Maybe, I told myself, if I did something really nice for my roommates, it would distract from my holiday hate. I went out and bought pine needle-shedding decorations, and baked my very first gingerbread house. (About that house: Most images on TV show a man using a blender without a lid; I chose to combine molasses with a hand mixer cranked to the maximum setting. Lacking any waxed paper, I rolled out the dough on a deconstructed beer case.)

Hours passed, and another friend arrived to add the finishing touches to this edible interpretation of a non-union construction job. The house smelled so good, it was impossible to remain bitter. Pine trees AND ginger-

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bread?! You must hate life if that doesn't flip your switch.

But as much as I hoped to negotiate my way into some holiday happiness, I still was rather depressed.

Outside my holiday-scented lair, Chicago

was riddled with couples so dang head over heels for each other, they had to keep walking in front of me like Pee Wee Herman surrounded by dozens of bikes. It wasn't until I came home from work and caught my roomie gnawing away at my gingerbread house that the warm fuzzies finally hit me. I gave an unemployed guy access to the largest cookie he'd seen in decades (yes, he ate it all, and yes, fattening someone up 100-percent helped me feel better).

We're all like the snowflakes slowly hitting the ground here in Chiberia. Some drift in a graceful manner, others arrive with less finesse. No holiday season is perfect. But even when it appears to be falling down, it's actually just coming together.

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CLARIFICATION

On Page 14 of Tuesday's edition, the responses from Five on Five panelists Demonze Spruiel and Clark Jones were switched.

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Demonstrators march through the Loop protesting police abuse on Friday. A person at a protest Saturday near Pulaski and Madison streets alleges a police officer blared "Sweet Home Alabama" from his squad car. GETTY IMAGES

Cops reviewing 'Sweet Home Alabama' incident

By Megan Crepeau | REDEYE

A video apparently showing a Chicago police car blasting the song "Sweet Home Alabama" during a recent protest against police violence has sparked a CPD investigation.

Gabriel Michael, a Humboldt Park resident, said he was at the West Side protest Saturday to take photos, but started capturing video once he heard the song coming from what appears to be an unmarked car in the police escort following the marchers.

"Some of the lyrics in themselves aren't racist ... but I know it's also been co-opted by groups, maybe bigoted groups, as an anthem of Southern pride and those Confederate-type values," said Michael, 30. "That's what was so jarring to me. To hear that playing from a police car at the end of a protest against police brutality and the murder of African-Americans, it was just jarring."

The anti-police-violence march was one of several in past weeks after recent announcements that white police officers who killed Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and Eric Garner in New York City—both unarmed African-Americans—will not face charges.

Michael said he has not turned his video over to the police; he received a voice mail from the CPD after the video surfaced but his return call has not yet been returned.

Chicago Police confirmed its investigation in a statement provided to RedEye on Tuesday.

"This matter is under investigation. As a Department, we are committed to community policing and fostering stronger relationships, based on trust and understanding, with the communities we serve," the statement reads in part.

Michael said that he's not sure how many heard the song, but people have echoed his concerns after the video surfaced.

"[The reaction has] been positive and supportive," Michael said. "[People] kind of empathize with me. It's a pretty disgusting thing, it's really shocking, and we just want to know what [police have] been thinking and get an explanation."

"Sweet Home Alabama" has been "a kind of neo-Confederate anthem" for years, according to Mark Potok, a senior fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization. The 1974 song by Lynyrd Skynyrd was written in response to Neil Young's song "Southern Man," which has lyrics about racism and slavery.

Potok dismissed the theory that police were playing the song in support of the University of Alabama football team, which played that day.

"It certainly does look like the officers were taunting the marchers," he said. "I suppose there's a tiny chance that these officers were huge University of Alabama fans, but I kind of doubt it."

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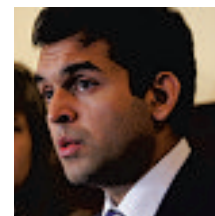
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- » **\$10,682** for services at Mid-North Animal Hospital
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- » **\$806** in merchandise from Victoria's Secret **TRIBUNE**

THE QUOTE

"We share this terrible ordeal with other Chicago families whose worlds have been similarly devastated at the hand of insensible gun violence."



—**Mokaram Rauf**, 26, speaking Tuesday at a memorial service for his 23-year-old brother, Mutahir Rauf. He said his brother's shooting death Friday in Rogers Park near Loyola University is seen by his family, Pakistani natives, as "symptomatic of a greater epidemic of poverty and violence pervading Chicago."

EXPRESS LINES

- » A man was seriously wounded in a drive-by shooting across the street from Truman College Tuesday morning, police said. Two people were taken into custody.
- » Police issued an alert Tuesday afternoon warning of a scam where victims have been called and told their relatives will be harmed unless money is wired to Puerto Rico.
- » A boy and a girl, both 15, were shot Tuesday morning as they waited to board a CTA bus on the Near West Side, according to police. **TRIBUNE**



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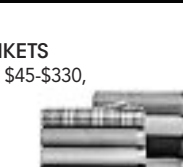
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Obama vows end to CIA brutality

President Obama vowed Tuesday that harsh U.S. interrogation methods will not take place on his watch, saying the techniques did significant damage to American interests abroad without serving broad counterterrorism efforts.

Obama issued a written statement Tuesday in response to a 499-page executive summary from the Senate Intelligence Committee, which includes graphic details about sexual threats and other harsh interrogation techniques the CIA meted out to captured militants in the years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

"Rather than another reason to rekindle old arguments, I hope that today's report can help us leave these techniques where they belong, in the past," Obama said.

Obama said the Senate report documents a troubling program involving enhanced interrogation techniques on suspects in secret facilities outside the U.S.

"It reinforces my long-held view that these harsh methods were not only inconsistent



Sen. Dianne Feinstein takes questions Tuesday at the Capitol. GETTY IMAGES

with our values as nation, they did not serve our broader counterterrorism efforts or our national security interests," he said.

The document, the result of a six-year investigation by Democrats on the committee, concludes that the CIA provided

"extensive inaccurate information" to Congress about its techniques, that CIA management of the program was "inadequate," and that the methods were "far more brutal" than the CIA has acknowledged.

"Under any common meaning of the term, CIA detainees were tortured," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, who has pushed the investigation. She described the era as "one of the lowest points in our nation's history."

The CIA, which has prepared a 120-page response, argues that some detainees provided valuable intelligence after undergoing waterboarding and other techniques.

One detainee in CIA custody was "chained to a wall in the standing position for 17 days," according to a CIA description cited in the report. Some detainees were kept awake for nearly 180 hours, "usually standing or in painful stress positions, at times with their hands shackled above their heads." Some were placed in ice water baths.

THE DIGIT

\$1.1 trillion

Pushing a tight deadline to prevent a federal shutdown, negotiators in Congress reached agreement late Tuesday on a \$1.1-trillion bill to fund the government. The legislation would fund most of the federal government at levels Congress has already approved through the 2015 fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

THE QUOTE

"It's not meant to cause any harm. I should have thought a little bit more about it."

—A co-owner of **Mugshots**, a bar in St. Joseph, Mo., talking about the bar's promotion of a "Michael Brown Special" consisting of six shots of tequila for \$10, WDAF-TV in Kansas City, Mo., reported. Michael Brown, 18, was struck by at least six bullets in a shooting by a white policeman, according to three separate autopsies performed. A grand jury declined to indict the officer last month, sparking protests nationwide. The bar's promotion also caused protests. The co-owner, who asked not to be named, has since apologized.



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IF THE SOX FIT

Open-wallet policy seems to be paying off on South Side

RedEye

The White Sox might be more jealous of the Kansas City Royals than they let on. In the past few weeks, the South Siders have improved a team that finished fourth in the AL Central. The Sox were 16 games behind second-place Kansas City, which was one win from capturing the World Series.

So what did they do? They went and signed infielder Adam LaRoche and relief pitchers Zach Duke and David Robertson and acquired starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija in a trade with Oakland.

Boom. They're back in the race. At least on paper, which is the best you're going to get in December. Here's the rundown on the team's major acquisitions since mid-November.

OUT: PAUL KONERKO AND ADAM DUNN

IN: ADAM LAROCHE
No doubt Sox fans prefer LaRoche (259, 26 HRs, 92 RBIs in 2014) play more like Konerko, a South Side legend, than Dunn, the monumental underachiever. Chances are he'll be somewhere in between, which still is encouraging.

OUT: SCOTT CARROLL

IN: JEFF SAMARDZIJA
From a funny YouTube video standpoint, the Sox lose an all-star in Carroll. From a baseball standpoint, former Cubs ace Samardzija (2.99 ERA, 202 strikeouts in 2014) is a huge upgrade. And he has great hair.



Paul Konerko

OUT: TAKE YOUR PICK
IN: ZACH DUKE

The Sox could put a refrigerator on the mound and it might perform better than their 2014 relievers. All right, that's harsh. But Duke (2.45 ERA, 74 strikeouts, 59 2/3 innings last season) should help make fans forget all those late-inning headaches.



OUT: JAKE PETRICKA
IN: DAVID ROBERTSON

Nothing against Petricka (above), who had 14 saves for the Sox last season and is still on the team. It's just that Robertson had 39 saves and a 3.08 ERA in 64 1/3 innings after picking up where Mariana Rivera left off with the N.Y. Yankees.

Sox come out swinging



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White Sox general manager Rick Hahn isn't the most outspoken guy. But make no mistake, he and his front office are doing everything they can to get Chicago baseball fans' attention.

Christmas came early on the South Side, with Santa, aka Hahn, delivering former Cubs ace Jeff

Samardzija and David Robertson, the most sought-after closer on the market.

This isn't Hahn's first splash of the offseason. He's already added slugging first baseman Adam LaRoche and left-handed relief pitcher Zach Duke.

The Cubs—or rather their fans—are talking big this offseason, hanging on to every last smoke signal coming from pitcher Jon Lester's camp. But so far, aside from unceremoniously dumping manager Rick Renteria to hire Joe Maddon, this winter has largely been all about Wrigley Field and not the actual roster.

It will take an act of God for the Sox to outdraw the Cubs this season. That said, they are going to contend. The rotation, headlined by perennial Cy Young candidate Chris Sale, Samardzija and Jose Quintana, is among the best in the American League. They'll trot out the reigning AL Rookie of the Year in Jose Abreu, a muscle car enthusiast in Adam Eaton who will literally run through a wall in pursuit of a fly ball, and now one of the best closers in baseball.

It's almost enough to make Cubs fans ivy green with envy, and the team needs to do something, anything bigger than the Miguel Montero deal, to counter the Sox's moves. That could be standing outside Lester's house with a boombox playing Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" and pleading with him to take our money and please love us.

That could be offering pitcher Brandon McCarthy free rein of the team's Twitter account if he signs here. That could be offering pitcher James Shields the use of the infield tarp as his a Slip 'N Slide. Anything to upgrade the rotation.

Because absent another move or two, North Siders might be heading south if they want to see playoff baseball in 2015.

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DON'T FORGET THE CUBS

Yes, the Cubs are busy too. They traded two minor-league pitchers to Arizona in exchange for catcher Miguel Montero, a 31-year-old two-time All-Star. Montero hit .243 last year with 13 homers and 72 RBIs.

HI, JESSE

Manbue's Jesse Valenciana joins the panel. He knows all about a good ribbing. Wait, did we seriously just type that?



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1	Coach Marc Trestman thinks Cutler "has a very good understanding of how we feel about him." How is that, exactly?	They feel he looks hilarious in those "Smokin' Jay Cutler" memes.	That Cutler knows Trestman is being recruited (and tempted) to join the I Hate Jay Cutler Fan Club.	Same way you feel about left-overs ... meh.	"We thought about benching you but we didn't want you sitting on your brain."	He feels like lousy, just like I did when I heard Maria Tocco likes Sarah Spain's Five on Five answers more than mine.
2	Why is the Buffalo Bills' Aaron Williams so angry about officials fist-bumping?	He plays for the Buffalo Bills so it's just anger displacement.	Because they couldn't remember the secret handshake he taught them.	First clue? He plays for Buffalo.	He thought the officials had C.J. Anderson on their fantasy football team and not the Bills defense.	God. Who cares? He's on the Bills. It doesn't matter!
3	Who said, "... to hear [Prince William and Duchess Kate are] coming to town to see me play ... it's a huge honor"?	Obviously not the Bears defense because they haven't played all season. Too soon?	Lorde? The couple wants to hear her "Royals" song live, right?	LeBron's quickly receding hairline. Doesn't have much time left on its bucket list.	Everyone will say King LeBron, but the truth is: "See ya soon, Will and Kate." Wink. Wink.	I don't know what any of this means. Prince William. Duchess Kate. Honor. None of it.
4	If the Knicks have "loser's mentality," what do the Bulls have?	Whatever mentality Tibbs wants them to have and they will LIKE it.	A zen mentality that is driving Phil Jackson nuts.	SUNSHINE AND RAINBOWS.	"A full tank of GASOLine."	Anything other than "Knicks' mentality."
5	How did Hawks welcome back Patrick Sharp on Tuesday?	They roughed up his face so he looks more like a hockey player, that handsome devil.	By passing him the puck so we can see that handsome face on TV and winning the game of course.	He got to wear Coach Q's mustache during warmups.	Not sure, but the White Sox bringing former Cub Jeff Samardzija back for him is pretty sweet, eh?	I'm not privy to what goes on behind the scenes, but I'm sure his welcome back was extra-handsome.



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Jahlil Okafor (left)
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Poring over Okafor?



L.A. Lakers legend Magic Johnson doesn't want his former team to half-ass it if they're going to have a bad season. "I hope the Lakers lose every game. Because if you're going to lose, lose. I'm serious," he said Tuesday, adding that he wants them to get a high draft pick if they don't make the playoffs. Like, say, Chicago's own Jahlil Okafor?



THE MOUTHWATCH

I just wanted to remind people you can do that celebration and not hurt yourself."

—Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, on going to his championship-belt celebration Monday. Earlier this season, Detroit linebacker Stephen Tulloch mocked Rodgers' move and tore up his knee in the process.



Now you can stop asking

The Cleveland Browns tried to fight it, and now they've given in: Johnny Manziel will start at quarterback this weekend. Start the countdown as to when the fans get sick of him.



A firefighter tends to Cam Newton.
REUTERS

Newton injured in crash

Carolina QB Cam Newton was hospitalized in fair condition with two transverse process fractures in his lower back and no further internal injuries after he was involved in a car accident Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C. Newton's pickup truck overturned during a crash with a second car. Pictures showed Newton smiling while being treated before he was strapped to a stretcher and placed in an ambulance.

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LOOKING BACK ON THE TOP 10 LOCAL ALBUMS OF 2014

By **Andy Downing** | FOR REDEYE Any "best of" list is subjective. With that in mind, here are the 10 local albums I found myself returning to most often in 2014.

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ARCHIE POWELL & THE EXPORTS, 'BACK IN BLACK'

Lead Export Archie Powell makes even the ever-sad Charlie Brown seem like an optimist in comparison on "Back in Black," an album as relentlessly bleak as its title suggests. Witness "Everything's [bleeped]," where the frontman posits that death would be a more tenable solution than living another day haunted by the memories of an ex. Rather than moping, however, the band throws itself into the material with enviable recklessness, bashing out ragged anthems that teem with life even in those moments that the singer considers death.

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TINK, 'WINTER'S DIARY 2'

On "Time" Tink sings, "I'm not asking for much/ I just want your time, time, time, time, time." The rising rapper/R&B belter earns that much and more on the incisive, inventive "Winter's Diary 2," which surfaced in the earliest days of 2014. Throughout, Tink dwells on issues of young love, dropping he said/she said bon mots alongside Lil Herb on "Talkin' About," embracing an empowered view of sexuality on "Freak Like Me" and refusing to settle on the raw, confessional "Treat Me Like Somebody."



LIL HERB, 'WELCOME TO FAZOLAND'

Lil Herb's break arrived with "Kill [bleep]," a bleak drill burner as cold and unforgiving as hardened concrete. "Welcome to Fazoland," in comparison, introduces a welcome sense of humanity, with the young MC flipping through his family photo album on the soul-steeped "Still [bleeped] Up." Even so, most of the songs here exhibit an underlying harshness, and when the dexterous rapper wrestles with his options on "Fight or Flight" there's hardly a doubt which way life will force his hand.



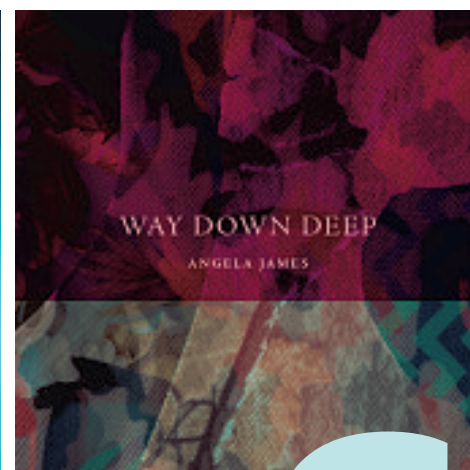
TWIN PEAKS, 'WILD ONION'

At 40 minutes, the scrappy rock quartet's sophomore album runs nearly twice the length of its 2013 debut "Sunken." It's time well spent, too, allowing the band ample room to romp through Brit-pop influenced bounders (the spirited "I Found a New Way"), jangly '60s psych-outs ("Mirror of Time") and loose-limbed Stones odes ("Making Breakfast").



MICK JENKINS, 'THE WATER(S)'

The first thing you hear on Mick Jenkins' latest is the sound of waves crashing on some isolated shore—a fitting introduction in light of the mixtape's title. His flow is equally liquid—deep, cool and seamless—and he applies it skillfully to poetic verses that balance a desire for spiritual fulfillment with the day-to-day struggle of making due at the bottom of the pile. "My pockets never been so empty/ My heart ain't never been this full," he rhymes on the tone-setting "Healer."



ANGELA JAMES, 'WAY DOWN DEEP'

Country singer Angela James sounds wholly alone on the title track of her new full-length, delivering her words atop a low roar that echoes a cold wind sweeping across a graveyard. It's a rare moment of solitude on a gorgeous record given life by a long list of collaborators, including Justin Brown, whose sighing pedal steel amps up the sorrow on "Drink and Try Not to Cry," where not even the wine can dull the ache in James' shattered heart.



OOZING WOUND, 'EARTH SUCK'

The scuzz-rock trio kicks off its latest with "Going Through the Motions Til I Die," a great, hairy beast of a tune whose title runs opposite to Oozing Wound's let-it-fly musical approach. Rather, songs like the slashing, metallic "Genuine Creeper" and riff-fueled bong hit "Hippie Speedball" reveal a band working at an unpredictable peak.



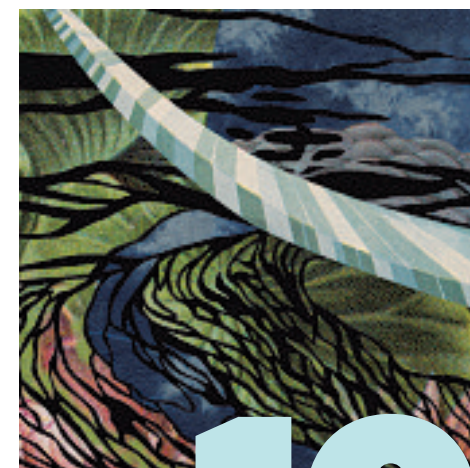
SABA, 'COMFORTZONE'

On "ComfortZone" West Side rapper Saba turns out slice-of-life sketches (the expectedly smooth "Butter," for one, opens with talk of breakfast) that occasionally venture into deeper territory. Witness "401K," a dark, disquieting turn on which the MC vents about the lack of opportunities for inner-city youths, rhyming atop a dreamy beat that plays counterpoint to his searing words.



BITCHIN BAJAS, SELF-TITLED

With a runtime of just more than 77 minutes, the sophomore album from drone trio Bitchin Bajas offers listeners plenty of room to stretch out. "Bueu" is typical of the band's approach, founder Cooper Crain and running mates Rob Fry and Dan Quinlivan patiently combining misty synths, squiggly horns and chirping electronics into an evocative alien landscape.



THOMAS COMERFORD, 'II'

Thomas Comerford's latest album is solo in name only. On "II" the Kaspar Hauser frontman leads a five-piece band through eight country-rock-steeped tunes that pair his oft-desolate lyrics (rivers run low and crops die en masse on "Silt and Dust") with relentlessly warm, elegant arrangements.

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Bilinda Butchers,
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Dan Mangan and
Blacksmith, Tuesday,
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George Ezra,
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La Dispute, Title
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Arcade Brewery marries comic books and beer

By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

When Arcade Brewery co-founder Lance Curran picks up his new comic books each Wednesday, he said, he likes to read them while enjoying a good beer.

"I'm a comic book collector," he told RedEye on Monday. "You need a beer and a comic that goes together."

That was the idea behind "6-Pack Stories," a collection of comics presented on bottles of Arcade Brewery craft beers. The first volume, titled "Festus Rotgut: Zombie Cowboy," is a Western zombie comic written by Jason Aaron ("Thor," "Southern Bastards") and illustrated by Tony Moore ("The Walking Dead," "Fear Agent").

The comic appears on six bottles of Festus Rotgut, a limited release black wheat ale that will be available in Chicago-area shops beginning Wednesday, which is new comic day. You'll find a map of locations where you can buy it at arcadebrewery.com/beers.

Curran said they brewed about 200 cases, or about 800 six-packs.

He and co-founder Chris Tourre had the idea since starting Arcade Brewery in 2011. Curran got to know Moore when Curran worked with

the T-shirt company Threadless. The comic book artist created panels for T-shirts, and the idea stuck to tell a story across a six-pack.

"Tony liked the idea and they submitted the script," Curran said. "We wanted a good story first and then we wanted that to inspire the kind of beer we brewed."

Tourre chose a dark wheat ale because it fit with the tale of the zombie cowboy Festus Rotgut.

"Since there are zombies, I immediately thought something dark," Tourre said in a press release. "Driving a herd of cattle across the dusty landscape also made me immediately go to a dry wheat beer."

"Festus Rotgut: Zombie Cowboy" is just the first of the "6-Pack Stories," Curran said.

"We already have one person in line to do the next one," he said, adding that there is "complicated structure" to brewing limited releases. "Hopefully in the next year they'll be easier."

According to the release, Arcade Brewery will host tastings of Festus Rotgut on Wednesday at the following Chicago locations: Kimbark Beverage, Binny's Lincoln Park, Bottles & Cans and West Lakeview Liquors.

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This season's offbeat holiday plays will keep you guessing

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

Tried-and-true holiday classics such as "A Christmas Carol" will always serve their purpose, but this time of year, Chicago stages are packed with plenty of offbeat options. Check out these shows to welcome the holiday season with a little sarcasm, science fiction flair and not-safe-for-work humor.

'DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SUGARPLUMS?'

Written by Brian McGovern of Kill All Comedy, this dystopian science fiction show is set in the year 2170, where humans must beg a RoboSanta for their lives every year. When a glitch allows one robot to love Christmas, he goes on a quest to understand the true meaning of the holiday with help from cabbies, drug dealers and robocops. The theater also hosts "Alone for the Holidays: December Through a Telescopic Lens," which follows four people who look to their stars to find their place in the universe while struggling to connect with their families, faiths and mainstream holiday festivities.

Go: 8 p.m. ("Do Androids Dream") and 10 p.m.

("Alone for the Holidays") Friday-Saturday through Dec. 20 and at The Public House Theatre, 3914 N. Clark St.
Tickets: \$15. 800-650-6449;
pubhousetheatre.com

'HOLIDAZE'

For the second year, Step Up Productions presents a collection of six original short plays that explore the dysfunctional chaos of the holiday season. This year's lineup includes "Perfect Space," where two people camp outside a stage door on Christmas Day hoping to confront Daniel Radcliffe, and "A Couple of Nobodies" about a hard-partying woman who turns to her neighbor for help finding the keys she lost on New Year's Eve.



'Gift Horse Grill' in 'Holidaze'

Go: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21 at Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave.
Tickets: \$17-\$30. 312-316-8355;
stepupproductions.org

'WE STOLE THIS IDEA FROM THE PAGANS ... A HOLIDAY SPECIAL'

The Gift Theatre's house improv team Natural Gas has written a new sketch comedy show every holiday season for six years. This year's production looks at how Christmas is a hodgepodge of traditions borrowed from celebrations of the winter solstice and even Hanukkah,

poking fun at the holiday without being so cynical as to upset anyone who really loves it.

Go: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Dec. 14 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Tickets: \$5. 773-283-7071;
thegifttheatre.org

'A KLINGON CHRISTMAS CAROL'

After five years of performing in Chicago, Commedia Beauregard plans to take its Trekkie tribute to Charles Dickens around the country after this year. That means this might be your last chance to catch the show about three ghosts trying to help Scrooge become a true warrior, which is





'It's a Wonderful Santaland Miracle, Nut Cracking Christmas Story ... Jews Welcome'

performed in Klingon with English translations projected behind the actors. A language coach attended nearly every rehearsal to help the actors learn the grammar and emphasis needed to perform in the "Star Trek" language.

Go: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21 at Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets: \$20-\$34. 773-935-6875; athenaeumtheatre.org

'THE LAST MALL SANTA'

Set in a future where the war on Christmas actually happened and Christmas lost, this short play follows an orphan who never experienced the holiday but dreams of resurrecting it by becoming a mall Santa. But to do it, she will have to battle Amazon, which rules the world and has extended the holiday gifting season to all year long.

Go: 7:30 p.m. Friday through Dec. 19 at Under the Gun Theater, 956 W. Newport Ave.

Tickets: \$12. 773-270-3440; undertheguntheater.com

'IT'S A WONDERFUL SANTA-LAND MIRACLE, NUT CRACKING CHRISTMAS STORY ... JEWS WELCOME'

Stage 773's second annual holiday show features a mix of original Christmas carols, dance numbers, spoken word and puppetry. To

help the audience get into the holiday spirit, eggnog and cookies are served throughout the show for no additional charge.

Go: 8:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 28 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Tickets: \$25. 773-327-5252; stage773.com

'A VERY ORWELLIAN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL'

Santa rules the world with the help of his elf secret police in this comedy from American Demigods. The only hope for those seeking the freedom to not be jolly is a revolution led by Dirk Action and Holly Day.

Go: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21 at Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.

Tickets: \$17-\$22. 312-988-9000; theroyalgeorgetheatre.com

'HOLIDAY PARTY'

The PH Comedy Theater play presents a definitely-not-safe-for-work look at how the office holiday party can bring out the best and worst in people. The parody of the romantic comedy genre follows the lives of eight characters as an over-emotional boss' efforts to throw the best holiday party ever raise tensions. Sketch comedy fans can still get their fix through "Manger Danger: A Non-Denominational, Totally P.C. Holiday Sketch Show," which offers original sketches from the perspective of adults who no longer feel the pure joy of the holiday season and are dealing with stress and the desire for purely practical gifts. Both shows are BYOB.

Go: 9:30 p.m. Friday ("Holiday Party") and Saturday ("Manger Danger") through Jan. 10 at PH Comedy Theater, 1515 W. Berwyn Ave.

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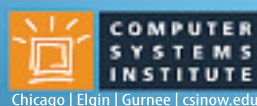
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Little Big Planet 3

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!!! Sackboy is up to his D.I.Y. tricks again, and this time he brought some friends. In "Little Big Planet

3," Sony's mute cloth mascot is joined by Oddsock, Toggle and Swoop, each with their own unique twist on the series' usual running, jumping and grabbing action. As in previous titles, "LPB 3" includes developer-made worlds to explore and an exhausting amount of textiles and trinkets to collect, but it's more interesting to download some of the thousands of wacky, unconventional levels created by players. "Little Big Planet" games sometimes can feel too calculatedly cute—like Wes Anderson movies or Zooey Deschanel's personality—but, if you can keep your cynicism in check, there's plenty of goofy fun to be had.



Never Alone



PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One
Claiming to be the first-ever Alaska Native game, "Never Alone" is based on folklore handed down through generations by the Inupiaq people. You play as a young girl and her arctic fox companion on a quest to help her village survive a fierce blizzard. Progressing through the game opens up more of the story and unlocks clips of a real documentary about Inupiaq culture. The filmmaking is excellent, but it's frustratingly difficult to control your characters' movements. The so-called edutainment games of the '80s and '90s never did a great job of both educating and entertaining (what exactly did "Oregon Trail" teach us again?) and it's a curse "Never Alone" can't quite break—though it makes an admirable effort.



Rollers of the Realm



PC, PlayStation 4, PS Vita
Combining a swords-and-sorcery-style role-playing game with the simple, tactile joy of pinball sounds silly—like mashing up checkers with a first-person shooter or Scrabble with zombie horror. But just as The Who's "Tommy" proved you can successfully make a musical about a pinball wizard, "Rollers Of The Realm" makes a compelling case for a wizard who literally is a pinball. Each ball represents a different character; you begin as a copper-colored rogue, but gain new companions like a knight (the traditional silver) who has the power to knock down stronger targets when you smack him with wooden flippers. It's just too bad "Rollers" doesn't feel like a real game of pinball—the floaty, unrealistic physics may have you itching to hit up the local barcade. RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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 ■ **The Tale of the Princess Kaguya** (PG) 8:15
 ■ **The Conformist** (R) 6:00
 ■ **The Blue Room** (R) 8:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
 S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
 888-AMC-4FUN
 Show times change daily
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30
 ■ **The Equalizer** (R) D 12:15, 6:15
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 12:00, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 1:45, 7:15
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 12:00, 2:45, 6:00, 9:00
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) D 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
 ■ **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) D 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
 ■ **AMC Independent Beyond the Lights** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
 ■ **AMC Independent St. Vincent** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 4:00, 10:00
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) D 4:30, 10:30
 ■ **AMC Independent Nightcrawler** (R) D 3:15, 9:15
 ■ **John Wick** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
 ■ **The Pyramid** (R) ★ D 12:15, 3:40, 6:30, 9:40

LOGAN THEATRE
 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
 (773) 252-0628
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) 2:20, 4:05, 4:55, 5:35
 ■ **Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)** (R) 4:36, 7:50, 10:15
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) 2:00, 9:45
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) 2:25, 6:20, 9:30
 ■ **St. Vincent** (PG-13) 2:00
 ■ **Trading Places** (R) 10:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
 322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
 888-AMC-4FUN
 Show times change daily
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 11:30, 12:20, 1:35, 2:30, 3:20, 4:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 11:00, 11:45, 1:20, 4:40, 9:40, 10:25
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) 2:10, 7:15
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 11:00, 3:40, 6:20
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 11:40, 3:15, 6:55
 ■ **AMC Independent Foxcatcher** (R) D 11:40, 1:00, 2:45, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) D 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) D 12:45, 7:10, 9:15
 ■ **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) D 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 10:30
 ■ **AMC Independent Beyond the Lights** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 4:20
 ■ **AMC Independent The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) D 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:00
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) D 1:05, 10:30
 ■ **AMC Independent Hector and the Search for Happiness** (R) D (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:45, 6:45
 ■ **Fury** (R) D 4:05, 8:50
 ■ **AMC Independent Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)** (R) D 1:20, 4:10, 9:15
 ■ **AMC Independent Wild** (R) ★ D 11:00, 1:10, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00
 ■ **AMC Independent Nightcrawler** (R) D 11:10, 2:05, 4:45, 7:55, 10:30
 ■ **The Vatican Museums 3D** (NR) ★ D 7:00
 ■ **John Wick** (R) (Closed caption) 9:50
 ■ **The Pyramid** (R) D 11:05, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
 ■ **Action Jackson** (NR) ★ D 11:20, 2:45, 6:00, 10:05
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 12:30, 9:15

MUSIC BOX
 3733 N. Southport, Chicago
 (773) 871-6604
 ■ **Antarctica: A Year on Ice** (PG) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
 7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
 (800) 326-3264 #2309
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 10:45, 11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:15, 5:00, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 9:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) 10:45, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 11:10, 12:10, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 8:10, 10:30
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 12:00, 3:40, 7:20
 ■ **Interstellar: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) D 10:50, 2:30, 6:10, 9:50
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) D 10:50, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 10:30
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) D 1:40, 8:00
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 ■ **AMC Independent St. Vincent** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:30, 7:15
 ■ **AMC Independent The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) D 10:45, 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) D 1:50, 7:10
 ■ **AMC Independent Hector and the Search for Happiness** (R) D (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40
 ■ **Fury** (R) D 4:10, 10:00
 ■ **AMC Independent Nightcrawler** (R) D 9:50
 ■ **The Pyramid** (R) D 10:50, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
 1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
 ■ **The Vatican Museums** (NR) 7:00
 ■ **The Vatican Museums 3D** (NR) 7:00
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 11:20, 4:10, 6:40
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 1:40, 9:10
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40
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 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) (Closed caption) 11:10, 4:30, 9:50
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 ■ **Nightcrawler** (R) (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:15
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:20, 3:30, 6:50, 10:15
 ■ **Fury** (R) (Closed caption) 9:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
 E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
 (800) 326-3264 #1646
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 2:00, 5:00
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00
 ■ **The Equalizer** (R) D 3:50, 9:20
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 4:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 3:30, 8:30, 9:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) 1:00, 6:00, 7:00
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) D 2:00
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
 ■ **Ouija** (PG-13) D 6:30, 9:00
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
 ■ **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) D 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:35
 ■ **AMC Independent Beyond the Lights** (PG-13) D 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
 ■ **AMC Independent St. Vincent** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 1:10, 6:50
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) D 1:05, 3:45
 ■ **AMC Independent Hector and the Search for Happiness** (R) D (Closed caption) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40
 ■ **AMC Independent Nightcrawler** (R) D 4:20, 9:45
 ■ **John Wick** (R) D 1:45, 7:10
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 2:25, 6:05, 9:45

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
 Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
 (312) 564-2104
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 1:10, 9:30
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) ✓ (Closed caption) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) ✓ (Closed caption) 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 1:15, 9:15
 ■ **Women Who Filt** (NR) ★ 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10
 ■ **The Vatican Museums** (NR) ★ 7:00
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) (Closed caption) 2:40, 3:50, 5:15, 6:30
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) (Closed caption) 4:10, 6:50
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 2:30, 6:15, 9:55
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) (Closed caption) 2:50, 6:20, 9:45
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) (Closed caption) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50
 ■ **Beyond the Lights** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:45, 3:45, 10:55
 ■ **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45
 ■ **Wild** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
 ■ **Wild** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 9:40
 ■ **Wild** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:40
 ■ **The Pyramid** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:40, 1:20, 3:30, 4:20, 6:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 11:00
 ■ **The Vatican Museums 3D** (NR) ★ 7:00
 ■ **VIP Premium 21+**
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) ✓ (Closed caption) **VIP Premium 21+** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 ■ **Wild** (R) ★ (Closed caption) **VIP Premium 21+** 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
 4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
 (800) 326-3264 #1644
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 1:00, 6:35
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) D 1:40, 2:45, 4:30, 5:45, 7:30, 8:45, 10:30
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 1:10
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar** (PG) D 2:00, 4:40, 6:00, 7:10, 8:30, 9:45
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) ★ 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
 ■ **Penguins of Madagascar 3D** (PG) D 3:30
 ■ **Big Hero 6** (PG) D 2:30, 4:20, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) ★ D 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
 ■ **Dumb and Dumber To** (PG-13) D 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
 ■ **AMC Independent Beyond the Lights** (PG-13) D 2:10, 4:55, 7:45
 ■ **Big Hero 6 3D** (PG) D 1:35, 7:00
 ■ **Panic 5 Bravo** (R) D 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
 ■ **AMC Independent Nightcrawler** (R) D 3:45, 10:10
 ■ **John Wick** (R) 10:30
 ■ **The Pyramid** (R) D 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25
 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) D 2:50, 6:30, 9:25

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
 1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
 (630) 444-FILM #560
 ■ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
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 ■ **Interstellar** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:45, 4:15, 7:45

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
 (847) 492-0123 &
 ■ **St. Vincent** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 12:05, 6:05
 ■ **Gone Girl** (R) D (Closed caption) 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
 ■ **Foxcatcher** (R) D (Closed caption) 12:10, 3:45, 7:20, 10:25
 ■ **Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)** (R) D (Closed caption) 11:10, 1:55, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
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 ■ **Horrible Bosses 2** (R) D (Closed caption) 10:55, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20, 10:40
 ■ **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 10:50, 1:40, 3:05, 4:35, 7:25, 8:45, 10:30
 ■ **Wild** (R) (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
 ■ **Wild** (R) (Closed caption) 12:25, 3:15, 6:10, 8:55
 ■ **Rosewater** (R) D (Closed caption) 10:40
 ■ **TCM Presents: A Christmas Carol / Christmas in Connecticut** (NR) D 2:00, 7:00
 ■ **The Vatican Museums 3D** (NR) 7:00

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ACROSS

- 1 National military force
5 Performed
10 Primates
14 Jeff Bridges' brothers
15 Flatterer
16 Spanish artist
17 Rob Reiner's dad
18 Tossing game
20 Group tub
21 Fez fabric
22 Queen & deuce
23 Graceful waterbirds
25 Distress letters
26 Indiana team
28 Sportsman with a rifle
31 Theater employee
32 Go down smoothly
34 Hired vehicle
36 Lose traction on the road
37 Nourishes
38 Additional amount
39 Egg producer
40 Shingle material
41 Religious belief
42 Physician
44 Spanish wife's title
45 Actress Jamie _ Curtis
46 Play a banjo
47 Arm joint
50 Smile broadly
51 Hosp. section for the very ill
54 Comforting
57 Glasgow fellow
58 Powerful wind
59 Handbag
60 "A _ of Two Cities"
61 Probability
62 Mountains of South America
63 Feed the pigs

DOWN

- 1 Fundamentals
2 Gather crops
3 Cherry on a sundae
4 Actor Brynner
5 Greek capital
6 Lowers the temperature of
7 Sour
8 Asner & Begley
9 Recolor
10 Horrified

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12 "Brown _ Girl"; 1960s hit
13 Talk back
19 Griddle bread
21 Actor Jamie _
24 Garden intruder
25 Beer
26 Shove
27 Invited
28 Conceal
29 Cost-effective
30 More unusual
32 Scorch
33 Allow
35 Alpha's follower
37 Ice sheet afloat
38 List of dishes
40 Frets; worries
41 Six years, for a U.S. senator
43 Shuts
44 Puts on, as a play
46 Good judgment
47 Consequently
48 Go first
49 Hairless
50 Finch or falcon
52 Denver's state: abbr.
53 El Paso school, familiarly
55 " _ Lazy River"
56 Go speedily
57 Wall & Easy: abbr.



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Step 1 of being a celeb: Develop a code name

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

When Sony Pictures was hacked late last month, lots of boring information came out—how much Seth Rogen and James Franco made for "The Interview," a lot of people hate Adam Sandler movies, etc. And then there's the hella fun stuff, aka celebrity pseudonyms, which fusion.net published Tuesday. People like Rob "Nazzo Good" Schneider, Natalie "Lauren Brown" Portman, Jessica "Cash Money" Alba and Tobey "Neil Deep" Maguire are gonna be in search of a new alias to give the hotel concierge.

Because this is a wildly entertaining game, and you never know when a celeb's cover will be blown, we came up with code names for a few of our other favorite famous folks. (Also, Nazzo Good? Really?)

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CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Alias: Honeybutter Chainsaws

This also doubles as her burlesque name.



KEITH URBAN

Alias: Tom Cruise

Fun fact: URBAN IS HIS REAL LAST NAME. It's like he was born to be a country singer or something.

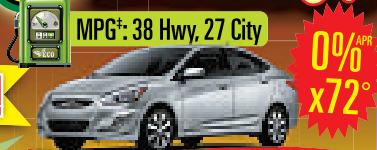
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red hot



THE QUOTE

The thought entered my mind to make a movie about how [bleeping] scared I was. I wanted to make a movie about a different side of music, about the fear and anguish of it."

—"Whiplash" writer/director **Damien Chazelle**, to The Hollywood Reporter, on the high school band teacher who inspired the movie.

Opposites attract

While her hubby Blake Shelton is all unicorns and rainbows, country star Miranda Lambert says she's not quite on the same page. "I'm not sunshine and roses. Blake's the happiest person on the planet. He pulls me out of my darkness," she told Marie Claire magazine for its January issue. "Literally everything is the best about being married." Nice to know not everybody's worried about being perfect.



Miranda Lambert (left) and Blake Shelton
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THE DIGIT

1 MONTH

Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban had been dating for less than a month when they decided to get married, the actress told Elle magazine for its January issue. They've been hitched for 8 years. "I kind of like getting married and then getting to know each other; I know that it sounds incredibly strange, but to me, it's a more natural process," she added.

11th heaven

The American Film Institute liked so many movies this year, it couldn't narrow things down to a Top 10. Here are the AFI's 11 best movies of 2014, according to **variety.com**:

- » "American Sniper" » "The Imitation Game" » "Nightcrawler"
- » "Birdman" » "Interstellar" » "Selma"
- » "Boyhood" » "Into The Woods" » "Unbroken"
- » "Foxcatcher" » "Whiplash"



How to lose a guy in 4 years

After a very, very long engagement (three years), Kate Hudson and Muse singer Matthew Bellamy have up and called it quits. "Kate and Matt have been separated for some time now. Despite this, they remain very close friends and committed co-parents," a statement from her rep read. The two have a 3-year-old son, Bingham.



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THE QUOTE

I thought she sung the [bleep] out of it! It was great to see her doing something that clearly brought her so, so much deep joy."

—**Zosia Mamet** (right), to Vulture, on her "Girls" co-star Allison Williams' (left) performance in "Peter Pan Live!" Aw, frienz supportin' frienz.

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